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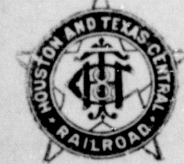
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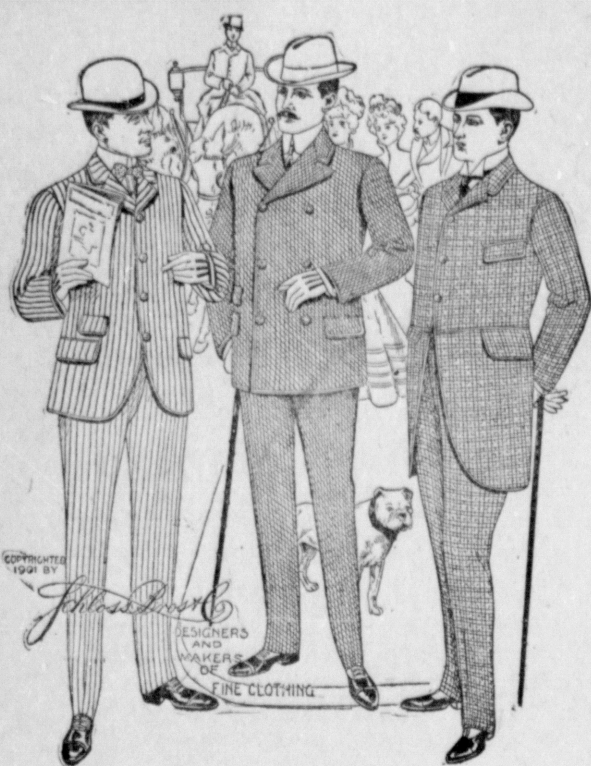
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### George Was Slow.

She—If you could have one wish, George, what would it be?

He—It would be that—that—that—oh, if I only dared tell you what it would be!

She—Oh, please go on! Do tell me!

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She—Well, why don't you? What do you suppose I brought the wishing subject up for?—London Tit-Bits.

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### Origin of Mince Pie.

English plum pudding and mince pies both owe their origin, or are supposed to, to an occurrence attendant upon the birth of Christ. The highly seasoned ingredients refer to the offering of spices, frankincense and myrrh by the wise men of the east to the Christ Child.—New York World.

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## HIS CHRISTMAS PIPE.

**A Woman's Solitude and a Tobacco Dealer's Perfidy.**

The bachelor had been invited to a Christmas dinner. His friend and his friend's pretty wife were just vying with each other in their efforts to dispel from his soul the gloom supposed to come to the man without a home upon this day above all others. They had wine him and dined him, and now that they were seated in the library facing the burning logs in the fireplace the hostess brought out the bachelor's Christmas present. It was a briarwood pipe, with a beautiful curved mouthpiece as transparent as glass.

"Now, I bought this myself," she explained sweetly, "and I told the pipe man that if you didn't like it after smoking it I was going to make him exchange it. You must try it now."

This the bachelor proceeded to do, thanking his hostess for her solicitude in picking out the pipe herself.

"I think the mouthpiece is such pretty clear amber," she went on as she saw her guest stick it between his teeth and begin puffing away.

"Yes, it's remarkably pretty," he assented, but there was just a tinge of doubt in his tone.

The bachelor sat in his chair, with the mouthpiece between his teeth and

two fingers of his left hand clasped about the stem, smoking very peacefully when there was a sudden blinding flash before his eyes, a fierce pain at the tip of his tongue and a cloud of camphor smelling smoke rising to the ceiling. The bowl of the pipe fell to the floor and the burning tobacco was spilled upon the carpet. The mouthpiece had vanished. The hostess screamed, the two men sprang to their feet.

"What happened?" cried the woman in alarm.

"Oh, nothing," explained her husband, "except that your beautiful amber mouthpiece is celluloid and has burned up."

Then he stamped out the burning tobacco and gazed ruefully at the big hole in the carpet.

"Oh," exclaimed the hostess to the bachelor as blushes came to her cheeks and tears to her eyes, "what can I say? That horrid pipe man! He promised so faithfully that he wouldn't swindle me."

The bachelor didn't know quite what to say himself. He had a hole in the end of his tongue, and this didn't help him any in choosing the right words, but he managed to stammer that he was sure it wasn't her fault and that all pipe men were born villains.

"Remember, my dear," remarked the husband, with a reminiscent smile, "that the good Lord never intended women to be good judges of cigars, tobacco or pipes."—New York Sun.

## ROAST TURKEY.

**How to Select and Prepare the Bird For the Table.**

Select a nice young turkey of ten pounds in weight, singe, draw and wash it quickly in cold water, then wipe it dry with a towel. Season the bird inside as well as outside with one teaspoonful of salt in all. Soak one-half pound of bread two days old in cold water till soft, inclose it in a napkin and press out all the water. Place a saucepan with one tablespoonful of lettuce and two tablespoonfuls of fine chopped onions over the fire, stir and cook five minutes without browning. Then add the bread, stir and cook five minutes. Remove, and when cold mix it with one pound of sausage meat, season with one even teaspoonful salt, one-half teaspoonful thyme and one-quarter teaspoonful pepper. Fill the crop and body with this forcemeat, sew it up and truss nicely. Cover the breast and thighs with thin slices of larding pork, tie it firmly with a cord, lay the turkey in a roasting pan, pour over two ounces of melted butter and place the pan in a medium hot oven to roast. Baste freely with its own gravy till the bird is light brown on all sides, then add a little water. Continue to roast, basting frequently till done. A turkey of ten pounds will take two and one-half hours cooking. Place the giblets in a saucepan covered with cold water over the fire, add one teaspoonful of

salt, and when it boils add a small onion. Cook till done. Shortly before serving lay the turkey on a hot dish, remove the skewers and strings, free the gravy from all fat, mix one tablespoonful of cornstarch with one-half cupful of cold water, add to it the gravy, stir and cook a few minutes, then add sufficient giblet broth to make one pint of sauce. Cook five minutes, strain through a sieve, rub the liver fine with a spoon, add to the gravy and serve.

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of food is needed for brain, another  
for muscles, and still another for  
bones. A correct diet will not only  
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## YULETIDE CUSTOMS.

**How the Day Is Observed in Many  
Countries.**

In England in the early Anglo-Saxon  
days Christmas was celebrated with  
almost saturnalian revelries, the lords  
of misrule holding  
full sway, but the  
first breath of Puri-  
tanism scorched the  
zeal of the revelers,  
and it became a bel-  
lous offense to so rejoice and be mer-  
ry. The year 1643 saw the abolish-  
ment of all saints' days, and those who  
observed the "three grand festivals of  
Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide,  
were heavily fined." With the resto-  
ration a sad countenance was not at a  
premium, but rather a merry one, and  
all the observances of these festival  
days were revived.

In  
England

In old Seville and the other beau-  
tiful cities of Spain Christmas is largely  
an out of door celebration. The Anglo-  
Saxon idea of hearth  
and home is foreign  
to the Latin temper-  
ament, and the gra-  
cious climate lends  
itself to all fresco  
merrymaking. All is movement, color,  
tumult, dance and song. The great  
plazas are kaleidoscopes of human  
movement. The cathedrals and church-  
es are thronged. Piety and gayety  
mingle.

In  
Spain

Inspired by the ancient poetical  
thought of cheering the Virgin during  
the pangs of maternity, young men and  
maidens throng on  
Christmas eve be-  
fore her shrines in  
Italy and play upon  
their guitars and  
mandolins, singing  
songs of praise. It is their part, too,  
to decorate the beautiful old churches  
most profusely, a loving service at  
which they spend the greater part of  
the night, refreshed by a collation after  
midnight mass.

In  
Italy

Germany is the land of Santa Claus,  
the home of the beautiful legend of  
Kris Kringle, which is a corruption of  
Christ Kindlein, or  
Christ Child. While  
the good child finds  
its little stocking  
laden with Kris  
Kringle's gifts, the  
naughty child finds nothing but a birch  
rod placed there by the avenging Pel-  
nichol (St. Nicholas with the fur). Such  
an experience makes the small victim  
intensely miserable.

In  
Germany

In Australia Christmas comes during  
the midsummer season. The mercury  
may register 100 degrees or more. Fam-  
ilies, instead of be-  
ing united, are di-  
vided, for this is the  
time of the long va-  
cation. Still, Eng-  
lish traditions are  
preserved. Plum pudding is the de-  
sert and holly the decoration. More-  
over, the Australians have a decora-  
tion of their own—a crimson flowering  
shrub which they call Christmas bush  
and which blooms only in December.

In  
Australia

## HIS FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE

I dess 'ey's not a boy in town  
'At's luckier 'an me,  
Tause mamma she jus' let me have  
My firstus Trismus tree,  
An' I don't want no dinner ner  
No supper, too, tause  
I jus' et up a rooster, an'  
I et my bearnes pawls  
I hate to eat nice roosters, but  
'Ey's candy, don't you see?  
An' li'l' fellers owns what's on  
'Eir  
Firstus  
Trismus  
Tree!

I foun' six candy chickens, an'  
Bimeby I foun' a hen.  
'At hen had candy feathers on't  
It tasted good, an' nen  
Them chickens had no mother, an'  
I thought what will they do?  
I thought an' thought an' thought, an' nen  
I et them chickens too!  
An' nen I played my drum, an' pa  
Says, "Stop 'at row!" says he,  
Can't li'l' fellers play what's on  
'Eir  
Firstus  
Trismus  
Tree?

An' nen I looked aroun' an' looked,  
An' nen I says, "What ails  
'At funny lookin' ellyphant,  
Tause he has got two tails?"  
One on each end he had, an' nen  
I et the bigges' one.  
I dess 'at ellyphant was glad,  
Tause when I was done  
He looked like he was sayin', "Please  
Eat up a rest of me!"  
All li'l' fellers minds what's on  
'Eir  
Firstus  
Trismus  
Tree!

I thought I'd eat some candles, too,  
But 'ey didn't taste jus' right;  
I dess 'ey's not a nice good when  
It's dark an' late at night!  
An' nen a rabbit's ear I tried,  
An' nen I says: "See here!  
You bes' jus' eat 'at rabbit, too,  
Tause it wants its ear!"  
Now, rabbits 'ey want 'eir ears,  
'At's a very plain to see,  
An' li'l' fellers helps what's on  
'Eir  
Firstus  
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Tree!

So I don't want no dinner ner  
No supper, an' I dese good when  
I won't want any breakfast, tause  
I got to take a res!  
'Ey's taggers, an' 'ey's lioness,  
An' nen 'ey's poptoon, too,  
An' gingerbread! I don't know when  
I ever will get frew!  
I dess 'ey's not a boy in town  
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lady, but I can assure her it is like-  
tew be a very pleasant one.



# HOLIDAY HEADQUARTERS

In addition to my regular line of drugs and druggists' sundries, I have added one of the largest, best selected and cheapest lines of all kinds of Holiday Goods to be found in Bryan, consisting of Fireworks, Dolls, China Tea Sets, Bisque Figures, Vases, Dressing Cases, Ink Stands, Albums, Pin Trays, Jewel Boxes, Statuary, Cake Plates, Handkerchief Cases, Cigar Cases, Toilet Bottles, Dresser Sets, Fire Perfumes, Atomizers, Cuff and Collar Boxes, Shaving Sets, Infant Toilet Sets, Comb, Brush and Mirror Sets, Photo Framess, Medallions, Plaques, Chocolate Sets, Cups and Saucers, Powder Boxes, Puff Boxes, Rose Bowls, Hanging Lamps, Fine Cigars in \$1, \$2 and \$3 boxes, Huyler's Candies, Fine Stationery, Etc. Don't fail to see my stock. : : : : : : : :

Respectfully,

**N. M. McDOUGALD,**  
DRUGGIST

What shall I buy for Christmas? Look over the following list and see if you can't find what you want at **MONEY SAVING PRICES** by buying from us: Brooches, from the highest to the cheapest, Ladies' and Gents' Watches, Fine Statuary, Cheap Statuary, Fine Parlor Ornaments, Cigar Cases, Ladies Gents' and Misses Rings, Solid Gold, Gold Filled and Silver Thimbles, Ladies' and Gents' Watch Chains, Smoking Sets, Ink Stands, Gold Pens and Pearl Handles, Silver Shaving Mugs, Cuff Buttons, Stick Pins, Bracelets, Clocks, Tooth Brushes, Nail Files, Hat Marks, Scissors, Fine Pocket Books, Hat Pins, Match Boxes, Garters, Suspenders, Mirrors, Cloth Brushes, Carving Sets, Childs' Sets, Military Brushes Gold Plated Picture Frames, Bread Trays, Card Receivers, Necklaces, Ladies' Umbrellas, Etc. Will appreciate a call from you. You'll have to hurry if you want to get any of our 15c manicure pieces. : : : :

Respectfully,

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## HIS CHRISTMAS PIPE.

**A Woman's Solicitude and a Tobacco Dealer's Perfidy.**

The bachelor had been invited to a Christmas dinner. His friend and his friend's pretty wife were just vying with each other in their efforts to dispel from his soul the gloom supposed to come to the man without a home upon this day above all others. They had wined him and dined him, and now that they were seated in the library facing the burning logs in the fireplace the hostess brought out the bachelor's Christmas present. It was a briarwood pipe, with a beautiful carved mouthpiece as transparent as glass.

"Now, I bought this myself," she explained sweetly, "and I told the pipe man that if you didn't like it after smoking it I was going to make him exchange it. You must try it now."

This the bachelor proceeded to do, thanking his hostess for her solicitude in picking out the pipe herself.

"I think the mouthpiece is such pretty clear amber," she went on as she saw her guest stick it between his teeth and begin puffing away.

"Yes, it's remarkably pretty," he assented, but there was just a tinge of doubt in his tone.

The bachelor sat in his chair, with the mouthpiece between his teeth and

two fingers of his left hand clasped about the stem, smoking very peacefully when there was a sudden blinding flash before his eyes, a fierce pain at the tip of his tongue and a cloud of camphor smelling smoke rising to the ceiling. The bowl of the pipe fell to the floor and the burning tobacco was spilled upon the carpet. The mouthpiece had vanished. The hostess screamed, the two men sprang to their feet.

"What happened?" cried the woman in alarm.

"Oh, nothing," explained her husband, "except that your beautiful amber mouthpiece is celluloid and has burned up."

Then he stamped out the burning tobacco and gazed ruefully at the big hole in the carpet.

"Oh," exclaimed the hostess to the bachelor as blushes came to her cheeks and tears to her eyes, "what can I say? That horrid pipe man! He promised so faithfully that he wouldn't swindle me."

The bachelor didn't know quite what to say himself. He had a hole in the end of his tongue, and this didn't help him any in choosing the right words, but he managed to stutter that he was sure it wasn't her fault and that all pipe men were born villains.

"Remember, my dear," remarked the husband, with a reminiscent smile, "that the good Lord never intended women to be good judges of cigars, tobacco or pipes."—New York Sun.

## ROAST TURKEY.

**How to Select and Prepare the Bird For the Table.**

Select a nice young turkey of ten pounds in weight, singe, draw and wash it quickly in cold water, then wipe it dry with a towel. Season the bird inside as well as outside with one teaspoonful of salt in all. Soak one-half pound of bread two days old in cold water till soft, inclose it in a napkin and press out all the water. Place a saucepan with one tablespoonful of lettuce and two tablespoonfuls of fine chopped onions over the fire, stir and cook five minutes without browning. Then add the bread, stir and cook five minutes. Remove, and when cold mix it with one pound of sausage meat, season with one even teaspoonful salt, one-half teaspoonful thyme and one-quarter teaspoonful pepper. Fill the crop and body with this forcemeat, sew it up and truss nicely. Cover the breast and thighs with thin slices of larding pork, tie it firmly with a cord, lay the turkey in a roasting pan, pour over two ounces of melted butter and place the pan in a medium hot oven to roast. Baste freely with its own gravy till the bird is light brown on all sides, then add a little water. Continue to roast, basting frequently till done. A turkey of ten pounds will take two and one-half hours cooking. Place the giblets in a saucepan covered with cold water over the fire, add one teaspoonful of

salt, and when it boils add a small onion. Cook till done. Shortly before serving lay the turkey on a hot dish, remove the skewers and strings, free the gravy from all fat, mix one tablespoonful of cornstarch with one-half cupful of cold water, add to it the gravy, stir and cook a few minutes, then add sufficient giblet broth to make one pint of sauce. Cook five minutes, strain through a sieve, rub the liver fine with a spoon, add to the gravy and serve.

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## YULETIDE CUSTOMS.

**How the Day is Observed in Many Countries.**

In England in the early Anglo-Saxon days Christmas was celebrated with almost saturnalian revelries, the lords of misrule holding full sway, but the first breath of Puritanism scorched the zeal of the revelers, and it became a belious offense to so rejoice and be merry. The year 1643 saw the abolishment of all saints' days, and those who observed the "three grand festivals of Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide, were heavily fined." With the restoration a sad countenance was not at a premium, but rather a merry one, and all the observances of these festival days were revived.

In old Seville and the other beautiful cities of Spain Christmas is largely an out of door celebration. The Anglo-Saxon idea of hearth and home is foreign to the Latin temperament, and the gracious climate lends itself to al fresco merrymaking. All is movement, color, tumult, dance and song. The great plazas are kaleidoscopes of human movement. The cathedrals and churches are thronged. Piety and gayety mingle.

Inspired by the ancient poetical thought of cheering the Virgin during the pangs of maternity, young men and maidens throng on Christmas eve before her shrines in Italy and play upon their guitars and mandolins, singing songs of praise. It is their part, too, to decorate the beautiful old churches most profusely, a loving service at which they spend the greater part of the night, refreshed by a collation after midnight mass.

Germany is the land of Santa Claus, the home of the beautiful legend of Kris Kringle, which is a corruption of Christ Kindeln, or Christ Child. While the good child finds its little stocking laden with Kris Kringle's gifts, the naughty child finds nothing but a birch rod placed there by the avenging Pel-nichol (St. Nicholas with the fur). Such an experience makes the small victim intensely miserable.

In Australia Christmas comes during the midsummer season. The mercury may register 100 degrees or more. Families, instead of being united, are divided, for this is the time of the long vacation. Still, English traditions are preserved. Plum pudding is the desert and holly the decoration. Moreover, the Australians have a decoration of their own—a crimson flowering shrub which they call Christmas bush and which blooms only in December.

## HIS FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE.

I des' 'ey's not a boy in town  
'At's luckier 'an me,  
Tause mamma she jus' let me have  
My firstus Trismus tree,  
An' I don't want no dinner ner  
No supper, too, tause  
I jus' et up a rooster, an'  
I et my beasies paw!  
I hate to eat nice roosters, but  
'Ey's candy, don't you see?  
An' it feller owns what's on  
'Eir  
Firstus  
Trismus  
Tree!

I foun' six candy chickens, an'  
Bimeby I foun' a hen,  
'At hen had candy feathers on!  
It tasted good, an' nen  
Them chickens had no mother, an'  
I thought what will they do?  
I thought an' thought an' thought, an' nen  
I et them chickens too!  
An' nen I played my drum, an' pa  
Says, "Stop 'at row!" says he,  
Can't it feller play what's on  
'Eir  
Firstus  
Trismus  
Tree?

An' nen I looked aroun' an' looked,  
An' nen I says, "What ails  
'At funny lookin' ellyphant,  
Tause he has got two tails?"  
One on each end he had, an' nen  
I et the biggest one.  
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Just received 72 pairs American Girl Shoes in patent leather at Norwood's. 15.

Everybody knows that Allegretti's chocolate creams are the best. Sold at B. S. Read's drug store. d14

Read Caldwell's holiday ad. 11

Reports are coming in from the truckers about Bryan of the damages from the freeze. Some think their onions are killed. Others think theirs will come out all right. Those who had very young plants, just up, lost them. The fine prospects for the onion crop are undoubtedly much clouded. All cabbages were killed outright, but this is about all there was, excepting onions, to be injured. The Creole variety of onions, which nearly all the growers had planted exclusively, proved its superiority over the Bermudas, all of the latter being killed, so far as heard from.

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Junius Brutus has arrived. 14

### A Card.

We wish to take this means of expressing our thanks and appreciation to the doctor and many friends who so kindly aided us in our sad affliction and bereavement, the sickness and death of our baby. May God bless them all. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Welch.

### Notice to the Public.

I desire to give notice that the shooting of cannon crackers, Roman candles, and all kinds of fire-works, will be strictly prohibited in the business part of the city and about the cotton yards during the holidays. This is in accordance with the city ordinances of Bryan and with the laws of the state, and the rule will be rigidly enforced with no exceptions. T. P. BOYETT, City Marshal.

### Hotel Arrivals.

#### CENTRAL.

Vann Foster, Pankey; W. M. Grizzle, A. E. Aukman, Marlin; E. H. Roberts, Madisonville; E. R. Lloyd, Kurten; V. N. Newberry, Marlin; D. S. Snodgrass, Calvert.

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Low excursion rates have been made by the Houston and Texas Central railroad from all points on its main line and branches to points in Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Illinois, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee, also to Colorado points and to important centers of the republic of Mexico. These low rate tickets will be on sale December 21, 22 and 23, with a time limit of thirty days from date of sale. Apply to any of the Houston and Texas Central agents or connecting lines for further information, or address S. F. B. Morse, P. T. M., or M. L. Robbins, G. P. & T. A., Houston, Texas.

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### TROUBLE FOR IRELAND.

Government Will Undertake to Break up Irish National League.

London, Dec. 19.—There is every indication that the government is determined to conduct a vigorous campaign against the United Irish league, and Mr. Redmond's speech at Cork is taken to mean that the league is prepared to defend itself.

The situation in Ireland at present is very critical and seemingly the struggle between the law representing the landlord and the league, representing the tenant, which rendered the early eighties historic, is about to be re-enacted. Large numbers of mounted and unmounted police have been drafted into counties Claire, Mayo and Roscommon.

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Waco, Tex., Dec. 19.—John R. Shaw, son of Captain J. D. Shaw, died here from complications contracted while serving as a sailor in Chinese, Russian, Korean and Japanese waters. The deceased was a Waco boy, who became enthusiastic when the Spanish-American war broke out, and having been rejected by the medical examiners for naval and military service in his own country, took service under the British flag and spent one winter on the northern coast of Russian Siberia. After his health broke down entirely he returned to Waco and died among his associates, aged 23.

### Irish Officials Sentenced.

Castlebar, Ireland, Dec. 19.—O'Connor O'Kelly, member of parliament, chairman of the Mayo county council, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment, and four other officials of Mayo county were sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from a fortnight to a month for holding meetings and delivering intimidating speeches in defiance of the police. It is believed this is the beginning of trouble in Ireland.

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"Stealthily the black robed angel In the shadows hovered nigh, And our baby's soul has vanished To its home beyond the sky. Now the tender bud transplanted Blooms in heaven's purer air, But our tears still spring unbidden O'er the little vacant chair.

Little Emmett Baldwin Welch was born in Bryan on the 17th day of January, 1901, and died December 15, 1901, after a short illness of only two weeks. Everything that could be was done for the little fellow by kind and loving hands and never were sufferings borne more patiently than by this little angel child. He would press his little lips together and wring his little hands, but seldom ever a moan escaped him. Only a few short days, as it were, was he given to our keeping, but God needed one more angel child amidst his shining band and so He bent His head and smiled and clasped our darling's hand. He was loved by all who knew him, but God knoweth and doeth all things well, and his life, which was one of happiness until his illness (for he had never been sick before), well now be one of eternal pleasure with the dear Saviour in Heaven. Look to Him, fond parents, for comfort which He alone can give.

In the language of the poet, "This lovely bud so young and fair Called hence by early doom, Just came to show how sweet a flower In paradise would bloom. Ere sin could harm or sorrow fade, Death came with friendly care The opening bud to Heaven conveyed And bade it blossom there. Those little lips, so sweet to kiss, Are closed forever now. Those sparkling eyes that shone so bright Beneath that pearly brow; That little heart that beat so high Free from all care and gloom, Are hidden now from those he loved Beneath the silent tomb. Farewell, dear, but not forever, There will be a glorious dawn; We shall meet to part—no, never! On the resurrection morn. When we leave this world of changes. When we leave this world of care We shall find our missing loved one In our Father's mansion fair." ONE WHO LOVED HIM.

### New Schedule.

Hearne, Texas, Dec. 18.—The International and Great Northern railroad inaugurated a new schedule here today as follows: Train south, No. 9 arrives 11:02 a. m.; train south No. 5, arrives 12:07 a. m.; train south, No. 1, arrives 5:37 p. m.; train north, No. 4, arrives 6:00 p. m.; train north, No. 6, arrives 3:50 a. m.; train north, No. 10, arrives 2:30 p. m.

### Stove Repairs.

W. W. Griffin is now better prepared than ever for repairing stoves, no matter what is to be supplied or repaired. He has all parts for any kind of stoves, and will do your repairing quickly and at reasonable prices. w11-d18

Just received 72 pairs American Girl Shoes in patent leather at Norwood's. 15.

Everybody knows that Allegretti's chocolate creams are the best. Sold at B. S. Read's drug store. d14

Read Caldwell's holiday ad. 11

Reports are coming in from the truckers about Bryan of the damages from the freeze. Some think their onions are killed. Others think theirs will come out all right. Those who had very young plants, just up, lost them. The fine prospects for the onion crop are undoubtedly much clouded. All cabbages were killed outright, but this is about all there was, excepting onions, to be injured. The Creole variety of onions, which nearly all the growers had planted exclusively, proved its superiority over the Bermudas, all of the latter being killed, so far as heard from.

To Cure Dyspepsia and Indigestion. Sour Stomach or Heartburn, take Rex Dyspepsia Tablets. All druggists are authorized to refund money if they fail to cure. Price 50 cents. M. H. James, the leading druggist, Bryan, Texas.

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### A Card.

We wish to take this means of expressing our thanks and appreciation to the doctor and many friends who so kindly aided us in our sad affliction and bereavement, the sickness and death of our baby. May God bless them all. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Welch.

### Notice to the Public.

I desire to give notice that the shooting of cannon crackers, Roman candles, and all kinds of fire-works, will be strictly prohibited in the business part of the city and about the cotton yards during the holidays. This is in accordance with the city ordinances of Bryan and with the laws of the state, and the rule will be rigidly enforced with no exceptions. T. P. BOYETT, City Marshal.

### Hotel Arrivals.

#### CENTRAL.

Vann Foster, Pankey; W. M. Grizzle, A. E. Aukman, Marlin; E. H. Roberts, Madisonville; E. R. Lloyd, Kurten; V. N. Newberry, Marlin; D. S. Snodgrass, Calvert.

#### EXCHANGE.

J. C. Fisher, Corsicana; W. C. Boyett, J. W. Carson, College; Jno E. Astin, Mumford; J. C. Royder, Raton, N. M.; J. D. McGill, Corsicana; J. T. Harris, I. & G. N.; C. W. Danley, Calvert; P. R. Ward, St. Louis; A. L. Bowers, Palestine; R. A. Thompson, Austin; J. C. de Lam, Texas; Chas. Little, Houston; T. D. Bull, St. Louis.

### Home for the Holidays.

Low excursion rates have been made by the Houston and Texas Central railroad from all points on its main line and branches to points in Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Illinois, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee, also to Colorado points and to important centers of the republic of Mexico. These low rate tickets will be on sale December 21, 22 and 23, with a time limit of thirty days from date of sale. Apply to any of the Houston and Texas Central agents or connecting lines for further information, or address S. F. B. Morse, P. T. M., or M. L. Robbins, G. P. & T. A., Houston, Texas.

# SANTA CLAUS

RECEPTION AT BONNEVILLE JRS.

## Big Racket Store

HERE OFFERING FOR THE WEEK, GIVES BEST RETURNS FOR THE MONEY. : : :

Toy baby dolls given with every doll sold.

20c Dress Doll 12 inches long for the week..... 7c  
39c Bisque Doll kid body 14 inches long for this week... 39c  
15c China Cup and Saucer for this week..... 6c  
50c Glove or Handkerchief Box for this week..... 29c  
15c China Cream pitcher decorated for the week..... 7c  
500 assorted Games for this week only..... 5c  
5000 Christmas tree ornaments worth 10c each special... 4c  
25c China decorated Cake Plates special for..... 15c  
22c glass decorated Vases special for this week..... 9c  
See our new line of Albums at 48c, 69c and..... 95c  
1000 new Books assorted titles at one-half price.

vvBryan, Texas.vv

### I. & G. N. Holiday Excursion Special.

The people of Bryan and vicinity may make direct connection with the I. & G. N. specially furnished through car leaving Lewis at 4 p. m. December 21st for Memphis, Nashville, Tullahoma, Stevenson, Atlanta and intermediate points without change, via Memphis & Iron Mountain route.

D. J. Price, G. P. & T. A.  
I. & G. N. Ry., Palestine, Tex.

Smoke "Silver Crown" cigars, the best 5-cent cigar in the state. No 10-cent cigar beats the "Silver Crown" For sale by Dunn & Daly and Taylor & Cox. 1-1-02

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Take Quinoria. All druggists are authorized to refund the money in any case of chills, fever or malaria it fails to cure. Price 50c per package. M. H. James, the leading druggist, Bryan, Texas.

For Rent—Store on Main street, Zannatti block. Apply to James Dunn. d15

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## HOLIDAY

Goods suitable for a friend or relative and when it comes to DOLLS, TOYS, FIREWORKS and everything to fill the Christmas Stocking brim full, everybody knows that we are

## HEADQUARTERS

and can make prices away down below those whose stocks are not so large and complete. Now is the time to buy before the rush begins. Make your selection at once.

TYLER HASWELL,

Bryan, Texas.

### TROUBLE FOR IRELAND.

Government Will Undertake to Break up Irish National League.

London, Dec. 19.—There is every indication that the government is determined to conduct a vigorous campaign against the United Irish league, and Mr. Redmond's speech at Cork is taken to mean that the league is prepared to defend itself.

The situation in Ireland at present is very critical and seemingly the struggle between the law representing the landlord and the league, representing the tenant, which rendered the early eighties historic, is about to be re-enacted. Large numbers of mounted and unmounted police have been drafted into counties Claire, Mayo and Roscommon.

### Death of John Shaw.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 19.—John R. Shaw, son of Captain J. D. Shaw, died here from complications contracted while serving as a sailor in Chinese, Russian, Korean and Japanese waters. The deceased was a Waco boy, who became enthusiastic when the Spanish-American war broke out, and having been rejected by the medical examiners for naval and military service in his own country, took service under the British flag and spent one winter on the northern coast of Russian Siberia. After his health broke down entirely he returned to Waco and died among his associates, aged 23.

### Irish Officials Sentenced.

Castlebar, Ireland, Dec. 19.—O'Connor O'Kelly, member of parliament, chairman of the Mayo county council, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment, and four other officials of Mayo county were sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from a fortnight to a month for holding meetings and delivering intimidating speeches in defiance of the police. It is believed this is the beginning of trouble in Ireland.

Wave crest  
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CALDWELL'S Jewelry STORE.

Beautiful Xmas Presents!

I have an expert watchmaker in charge of the repair department and guarantee prompt and satisfactory work.

A Gift souvenir for you

Beginning today will give to every lady purchaser at my store, as long as the stock on hand lasts a STERLING SILVER THIMBLE absolutely free, if you mention where you saw this offer.

## See These BEAUTIFUL ARTICLES

Diamond and Pearl Brooches, Flame Brooches, Gold Medals, Gold and Silver Bracelets, Gold Necklaces, Gold and Plated Lorgnettes, Plain Gold Rings, Bon Bons, Sugar Shells, Ladles, Napkin Rings, etc., etc., in Sterling Silver, Silver Tea Service, Silver Plate, Pearl Handle Fruit Knives, Ladies Purses, Shopping Bags, Traveling Cases, Fine Leather Goods, Silver Manicure Sets, Combs and Brushes, and Mirrors.

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**H. & T. C. SCHEDULE.**  
Northbound No. 1..... 10:28 a. m.  
Northbound No. 3..... 1:58 p. m.  
Northbound No. 5..... 2:17 a. m.  
Southbound No. 2..... 1:58 p. m.  
Southbound No. 4..... 4:35 p. m.  
Southbound No. 6..... 2:50 a. m.  
Nos. 3 and 4 are fast trains, stopping only at principal stations.

**I. & G. N. SCHEDULE.**  
No. 122—Northbound—Passenger—Leaves..... 7:00 a. m.  
No. 104—Northbound—Passenger—Leaves..... 4:30 p. m.  
(Makes close connection with main line I. & G. N. going east and west.)  
No. 103—Southbound—Passenger—Arrives..... 7:00 p. m.  
No. 121—Southbound—Mixed—Arrives..... 4:50 p. m.

**LOCAL NEWS.**

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B. B. Rollo returned from Navasota yesterday.  
Fifty sofa pillow covers at Norwood's. d15  
Have you seen those Indian baskets at Wagner & Brandon? 16  
Jacob Grice of Houston arrived yesterday to visit relatives.  
Diamond rings and diamond brooches at A. McKenzie's. d16  
All kinds of holiday goods at McDougalds Drug Store. 1f  
M. Wassenburger called on the Eagle while in town yesterday.  
Twenty-five pounds Shetland wool at Norwood's. d15  
Silver novelties and ebony goods at A. McKenzie's. d16  
A. W. Royder and little son, Lyle, were here from Wellborn yesterday.  
What sweeter Christmas gift than box of Allegretti's chocolate creams. Read's drug store. d14  
Special prices all this week on Moquet and Wilton rugs at Wagner & Brandon. 16  
The small boy lined the streets with "stands" yesterday, trade was brisk with the merchants, the town was crowded, and no doubt was left that Christmas is upon us.

Misses Dollie Carr and Mae Cole have returned from a visit to San Antonio.

Buy your meats from Franklin Bros. in 1902. 18

FOR RENT—Two cottages. Apply to A. H. Gralen. 311tf

J. P. Gilpen of Kurten gave the Eagle a call while in the city yesterday.

You will have to hurry if you want your photos taken before Xmas. d14

The Bryan Grocery Company has a nice shipment of California oranges for sale cheap.

A. A. Farley went to Navasota yesterday to attend the Swanson-Garvin wedding.

Junius Brutus has arrived. 14  
See the cigars in \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$3.00 Xmas packages at McDougald's Drug Store. 1f

The outgoing afternoon I. & G. N. passenger train now leaves Bryan at 4:30, instead of 4 o'clock.

Beautiful assortment of ladies' pocket books in plain leather and silver mountings at Wagner & Brandon. 16

There is no meat like good fresh beef, pork, etc., the kind you get at Franklin Bros. 18

Mrs. C. Bishop returned to Hearne yesterday after visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. C. Nunn.

New assortment of silk mufflers in plain and fancy styles at Wagner & Brandon. 16

Three northers within a week are a little unusual, but that's what we have had.

Don't be alarmed about eggs. As usual the Bryan Grocery Company is well fixed for the holidays with eggs.

Two big markets and more meat than all other dealers combined is what Franklin Bros. have to offer the trade. 18

New Christmas neckwear, fancy, bordered and plain white silk handkerchiefs at Wagner & Brandon. 16

More than 20 per cent reduction on rugs and carpets at Levy Brothers' this week. 14

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# Old Beelzebub

A Christmas Bear Story By... ED MOTT

If you are ever at this time of year up on the Old Passadanky sit down at the Buckhorn tavern, select any one of the grizzled woodsmen you will find already sitting there, exchange a dime at not too frequent intervals for a certain tuppence that is popular with the natives and is called rum and tansy, and refer inquiringly to Old Beelzebub, the remarkable bear of Spook Run gully and the amazing Christmas present he made to one Paley Simco.

As the story goes, the oldest settlement in all that part of the original wildwood was at Passadanky. The deep gully and the creek that roared through it were there when the first settlers came. Neither had any name, and it was not until folks began to see ghosts along the creek and in the gully that appropriate nomenclature for them was suggested. Silas Grubb, so



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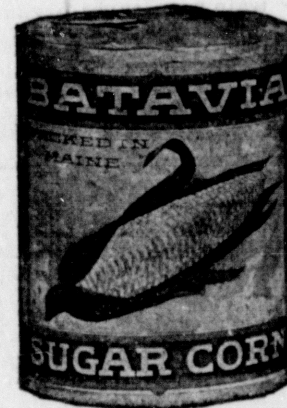
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Askins—What makes you look so cheerful, Lanks?

Lanks (who boards)—Why, three of my fellow boarders were taken suddenly ill while eating their Christmas dinners—one with a stroke of paralysis, another with heart disease and the third with a fit.

"Great Scott! What cause for rejoicing is there in that?"

"Why, don't you see? I ate their shares of the dinner, along with my own, and so managed to fully satisfy my appetite."

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Batavia sliced peaches for cream, 3 cans for..... \$1 00  
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Batavia cherries, 3 cans for..... \$1 00  
Batavia plums, 3 cans for..... \$1 00  
Batavia red pitted cherries per can 25c  
Batavia strawberries, per can.... 25c  
Batavia sliced and grated pineapple, per can..... 30c  
Batavia plum pudding, 1 lb can.. 30c  
Batavia plum pudding, 2 lb cans 50c  
Batavia asparagus tip, per can... 25c  
Batavia corn, 2 cans for..... 25c  
Batavia tomatoes, per can..... 10c

Sicily filberts, Brazil nuts, chestnuts, etc.  
Shelled pecans 1/2's, per lb..... 50c  
Shelled almonds, best, per lb.... 50  
Extra quality currants, 2 pkgs for 25c  
London layer raisins, imported  
Smyrna figs, glace citron, orange and lemon peel, etc.  
Imperial table jelly, Tryphosa, Bromangelon, any flavor.  
Cox's, Knox's and Nelson's gelatine.  
Five lb jar Batavia mince meat.. \$1 00  
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Heinz's and Dodson & Braun pickles in bottles and barrels  
Mrs. Kidd's pin money pickles.



Batavia succotash, per can..... 20c  
Batavia canned peas, 15c, 16 1/2 and 20c per can according to size of can.  
Batavia preserves, per jar 25c, 35c and 75c. Are made of fresh fruits and granulated sugar. Quality guaranteed to be superior to any on the market. You will be surprised at the superiority of Batavia catsup; costs no more than the other kind.  
Dozier bakery 5-lb English fruit cakes, each..... \$1 50  
2-lb fruit cakes..... 60c  
Fresh assortment fancy cakes, cheese straws, cheese sandwiches, oyster crackers, Graham wafers, etc., etc.  
Lobster, shrimp, anchovies, crabs etc. Continuous receipts fresh fruits, pineapples, etc.  
Soft shelled pecans, 2 lbs for.... 25c  
Soft shelled English walnuts, per lb..... 25c

Cross & Blockweds pickled walnuts, chow-chow.  
Batavia salad dressing per bottle..... 35c and 60c  
Dunkley's celery salads.  
Pimento stuffed and plain olives.  
Franklin Jams in 1 lb jars two for 25 cts are extra values for your money.  
Blanke & Brothers Fancy Candy, Lyons Creams, Bon Bons, Roasted Peanuts, Butter Cup Creams, Fruit Flakes and Violet Zephyrs will make a most acceptable Christmas present.  
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## FINE NECKWEAR

A magnificent showing of elegant Silk Neckwear in rich holiday effects in Puffs, Imperials, Ascots, Four-in-hands, Bat Wings, etc., at 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.

## FINE SUSPENDERS

Fine Silk and Satin Suspenders, with sterling silver and gold plated buckles put up one in a box, at \$1, \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50.

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Men's fine Kid Gloves, dressed and undressed, in all the new shades of gray and tan, some are silk lined, at \$1 and \$1.50.  
Dog Skin Gloves with fur tops, at 75c and \$1.  
Wool Gloves, 50c.

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Quilted Silk Mufflers in beautiful patterns, one in a box, at \$1 and \$1.50.  
Large Handkerchief Mufflers in rich Oriental and embroidered effects, at 75c, \$1, \$1.50 and \$2.

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Smoking Jackets made of self plaided golf materials in an elegant assortment of patterns at \$5, \$7.50 and \$10.

## FINE UMBRELLAS

Fine Silk and Gloria Umbrellas, with natural wood and sterling trimmed handles, at \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3 and \$5.

## FINE VALISES

Fine Valises and Suit Cases, made of leather, in all the latest styles, from \$1 to \$10 each.

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Men's Patent Leather and Patent Vici Kid Shoes in lace and button, at \$4, \$5 and \$6 a pair.

## OVERCOATS

Nothing would make a more appreciated present than a good Overcoat. We are showing the handsomest line of fine Overcoats ever brought to Bryan at \$10, \$12, \$15 and \$20.

## HANDKERCHIEFS

Cambrie Handkerchiefs, plain white hemstitched, and fancy colored borders, at 10c and 12½c each.  
Fine Linen Handkerchiefs, plain white hemstitched, at 25c, 35c and 50c.  
Fine Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, all letters, 25c.  
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Extra large imported Handkerchiefs, muffler sizes, \$1.50 and \$2 each.  
Colored border Silk Handkerchiefs, at 25c, 50c and \$1.

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Gold Plated Cuff Buttons, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.50.  
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## BOYS' DEPARTMENT

Boys' Gloves, 50c.  
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PARKS &amp; WALDROP,

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Twenty Others Injured by the Explosion of Gas at Pittsburg.

## MET HORRIBLE FATE

Tons of Molten Metal, Cinders and Slack Were Thrown Over the Men by the Explosion—Few Escaped Miraculously.

Pittsburg, Dec. 19.—By the explosion of gas in the Soho furnace of Jones & Laughlin, near Brady street, this city early this morning, 10 men were burned to death and probably 20 others more or less injured. Damage to the plant will amount to \$20,000.

The explosion occurred in one of the big blast furnaces. The men were at work at the top of the furnace over 120 feet from the ground; they were employed at fillers and were just getting ready to quit work, being members of the night crew, when the gas, which accumulated in the furnace, exploded, and tons of molten metal, cinders and slack were thrown over the unfortunate men on top of the structure. When the gas let go, a panic ensued on the small platform about the top. The men made a rush for the elevator, but it had gone down and there was no escape. To jump meant death, and to remain on the platform just as certain doom. Tons of molten metal and flames fell upon them and burned 10 men to death. Their bodies dropped to the roof of the mill, 85 feet below, every bone broken and an unrecognizable mass of human flesh.

Thomas Jones and Arthur Young, managers of the plant, gave out a statement that 9 were killed and 5 injured. All of the men at work on top of furnace were Slavs and Poles. Nine of them were killed outright and three of the five taken to the Mercy hospital so badly hurt it is feared they will die. Eye-witnesses say that it was the most horrible sight ever witnessed. They say when the explosion took place there was a great, loud report, and the murky heavens were illuminated with a great sheet of flame, showing the men on top of the furnace running about, gesticulating wildly. The flames and hot metal looked like a volcano in action.

Five of the men were thrown off the top of the furnace and strange as it may seem these men are the ones still living. Others hung on the railing, some on the outside, others on the inside, until their clothing was burned off. Two of the victims hanging on the

outside held on and remained tenaciously clinging to the railing until their fingers were burned off. Then they fell to the roof of the mill dead. Seven of the victims were found dead on the platform of the cupola. They were completely denuded of clothes by the flames and their bodies were burned almost to a crisp.

## SNOW BLOCKADE.

Three Railroads Are Tied up by Heavy Snow in Wyoming.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 19.—The Union Pacific, Colorado and Southern, North and Burlington East are practically at a standstill as a result of the recent storm in Wyoming and Nebraska. All trains on the Union Pacific are compelled to spend hours in the snowdrifts, waiting for the snow plows to make openings so they can pass through. The blockade may last for an indefinite period.

A blockade at Ramsey, 40 miles east of Rawlins, has stopped the passage of trains into Laramie from the west, and the one at Sherman blocks the traffic of the westbound.

On the Colorado and Southern, 21 miles north of Cheyenne, the passenger train was derailed. The accident has completely tied up traffic on that branch. No trains have come in over the Burlington branch from Holdridge for two days. A drift derailed an engine about 100 miles east of Cheyenne and wreckers have not yet succeeded in getting it back upon the rails. In addition the branch is snowbound for a stretch of more than 50 miles.

## No Trains on Schedule.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—Cold weather and snow are playing havoc with railroad schedules and for two days not a train has rolled into the union station on time. Every train is from 30 minutes to seven hours late and many of the outboard trains are delayed from 20 to 50 minutes on account of irregular running of inbound trains.

## Fined for Negligent Homicide.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 19.—Deputy Sheriff H. H. Lindsey was fined \$100 in the county court here on a plea of guilty to a charge of negligent homicide. While trying to make an arrest the man ran away. At a distance of more than 100 yards the officer fired, aiming to shoot at his feet. Just as he fired the fleeing man leaped over an embankment and the bullet took effect in his back, inflicting a mortal wound.

## Arkansas Democratic Convention.

Little Rock, Dec. 19.—At a meeting held here the Democratic state central committee perfected arrangements for a state convention to be held in Little Rock June 10, 1902, to nominate candidates for state offices. Under a new departure primary elections will be held in each of the 75 counties of the state March 29 next to express a choice

for state candidates and for United States senator.

## FELL INTO AN OLD MINE.

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A magnificent showing of elegant Silk Neckwear in rich holiday effects in Puffs, Imperials, Ascots, Four-in-hands, Bat Wings, etc., at 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.

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Fine Silk and Satin Suspenders, with sterling silver and gold plated buckles put up one in a box, at \$1, \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50.

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Men's fine Kid Gloves, dressed and undressed, in all the new shades of gray and tan, some are silk lined, at \$1 and \$1.50.  
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Smoking Jackets made of self plaided golf materials in an elegant assortment of patterns at \$5, \$7.50 and \$10.

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Fine Silk and Gloria Umbrellas, with natural wood and sterling trimmed handles, at \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3 and \$5.

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Fine Valises and Suit Cases, made of leather, in all the latest styles, from \$1 to \$10 each.

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Men's Patent Leather and Patent Vici Kid Shoes in lace and button, at \$4, \$5 and \$6 a pair.

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Cambrie Handkerchiefs, plain white hemstitched, and fancy colored borders, at 10c and 12c each.  
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Fine Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, all letters, 25c.  
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Plain white Silk Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, at 35c, 50c, 75c and \$1.  
Extra large imported Handkerchiefs, muffler sizes, \$1.50 and \$2 each.  
Colored border Silk Handkerchiefs, at 25c, 50c and \$1.

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Gold Plated Cuff Buttons, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.50.  
Gold Plated and Solid Gold Scarf Pins from 25c to \$3.

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Boys' Gloves, 50c.  
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The explosion occurred in one of the big blast furnaces. The men were at work at the top of the furnace over 120 feet from the ground; they were employed at fillers and were just getting ready to quit work, being members of the night crew, when the gas, which accumulated in the furnace, exploded, and tons of molten metal, cinders and slack were thrown over the unfortunate men on top of the structure. When the gas let go, a panic ensued on the small platform about the top. The men made a rush for the elevator, but it had gone down and there was no escape. To jump meant death, and to remain on the platform just as certain doom. Tons of molten metal and flames fell upon them and burned 10 men to death. Their bodies dropped to the roof of the mill, 85 feet below, every bone broken and an unrecognizable mass of human flesh.

Thomas Jones and Arthur Young, managers of the plant, gave out a statement that 9 were killed and 5 injured. All of the men at work on top of furnace were Slavs and Poles. Nine of them were killed outright and three of the five taken to the Mercy hospital so badly hurt it is feared they will die.

Eye-witnesses say that it was the most horrible sight ever witnessed. They say when the explosion took place there was one great, loud report, and the murky heavens were illuminated with a great sheet of flame, showing the men on top of the furnace running about, gesticulating wildly. The flames and hot metal looked like a volcano in action.

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A blockade at Ramsey, 40 miles east of Rawlins, has stopped the passage of trains into Laramie from the west, and the one at Sherman blocks the traffic of the westbound.

On the Colorado and Southern, 21 miles north of Cheyenne, the passenger train was derailed. The accident has completely tied up traffic on that branch.

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